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SUBJ: OAS CHARTER REFORM - VISIT TO CAPITALS: HAITI

1. ON MORNING FEB 3 AMBASSADORS MAILLIARD AND ISHAM, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. TAYLOR AND POLOFF VINCENT, MET WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY EDNER BRUTUS.

2. AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD OUTLINED US POSITION ON OAS CHARTER REFORM TO FONMIN ON FEB 3. BRUTUS WAS AWARE OF US CONCERNS. REGARDING COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY, BRUTUS SAID HE COULD NOT SEE HOW THE PERUVIAN CONCEPT COULD FUNCTION; THE OPPOSING US LEGAL POSITION, HE BELIEVED, WAS UNASSAILABLE. THROUGHOUT THE HOUR-LONG CONVERSATION BRUTUS REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT SOME REALISTIC INTER-MEDIATE SOLUTION SHOULD BE FOUND. IT WAS NOT SO NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE NEW CONCEPTS AS TO MAKE THE CHARTER MORE BENEFICIAL FOR ALL MEMBERS.

3. ALTHOUGH NOT SUGGESTING IDEAS BRUTUS WENT TO SOME LENGTH TO DEMONSTRATE HIS UNDERSTANDING OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC CONCERNS TO WHICH HE FELT SOLUTIONS COULD BE FOUND. HE SAID DEADLOCK WOULD RESULT IF THIS EFFORT WERE NOT MADE. IN ANY CASE, SAID BRUTUS, DISAPPEARANCE OF THE OAS WOULD BE A TRAGEDY AND HE PROMISED THAT HAITI WILL HELP TO LOOK FOR COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT
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4. LATER AMBASSADOR ISHAM AND MAILLIARD PAID A
HALF-HOUR CALL ON PRESIDENT DUVALIER WHO REITERATED HAITI'S
DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SENSIBLE COMPROMISES THAT WOULD
BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL, RATHER THAN TO PARTICIPATE IN USELESS
CONFRONTATIONAL POLITICS IN THE OAS.
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